



**Fairfax County, Virginia  
Department of Public Safety Communications**

**Significant Event Activity Report  
Hurricane Sandy  
Monday, October 29 & Tuesday, October 30, 2012**

Beginning on October 19, 2012 DPSC monitored the track of Hurricane Sandy as she moved from the eastern Caribbean, across Jamaica and Cuba then up the east coast of the US. It was evident that it would, when combined with two other converging weather fronts from the north and west, form a storm of epic proportion.....and did so in the early evening hours of Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The storm made landfall in New Jersey thus sparing Virginia and Fairfax County. However, because the storm was so large, with a diameter of approximately 1000 miles, Fairfax County felt the effect of the storm in many ways. The impact of the storm on DPSC workload is reflected below. DPSC personnel performed as the true professionals they are in serving the residents of Fairfax County, the Fairfax County Police Department, Fire-Rescue Department, Sherriff's Department and Office of Emergency Management.

**1200 hours (10/29/12) to 1200 hours (10/30/12)**

- 1,187 9-1-1 calls received (13% increase \*)
- 2,633 Total calls received - Emergency & Non-Emergency (13.5% increase \*)
- 2,349 Police dispatches (5% decrease \*\*)
- 678 Fire-Rescue dispatches (87.8% increase \*\*)
- 151 EMS dispatches (24% decrease \*\*)
- 3,250 Overall CAD Events (2% increase \*\*)
- 4,849 Radio transmissions (12% increase \*\*)
- 515 Minutes of radio transmissions (8.2% increase \*\*)
- 499 Number of events that were identified by a call taker/dispatcher as being specifically related to Hurricane Sandy.

\* = % of increase/decrease over that experienced in the same period in the previous week.

\*\* = % of increase/decrease over that experienced in the same period for the previous 3 weeks.